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Application No. : 09/773,241  
Applicant(s) : John C. Molander et al.  
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**REPLY AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.113 AND SUBMISSION  
OF NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of December 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a one-Month Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including April 23, 2004.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 6 of this paper.

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